2026 Alabama Cotton Quilting Contest

WHO MAY ENTER

1. To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must be an Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA Farmers) member or their parent or guardian must be a member.

2. County winners may be determined by means of a county show and contest conducted and approved by that county.

3. A county may enter a person representing first place in the state contest.

4. PROFESSIONAL QUILTERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE. *(Those who take orders and sell quilts, work in a quilting business, or sell more than five of their "hobby" made quilts per year)*

5. Employees or family members of employees of the Alabama Farmers Federation and/or the Alfa Companies will not be eligible for this contest.

6. First place winner in the previous year state contest will not be eligible to enter the year immediately following.

7. There will be a Youth Division (7^{th}-12^{th} Grade) and an Adult Division.

8. Participants should be present at the annual Women's Luncheon during the Alabama Farmers Federation Farm and land Conference.

HOW TO ENTER

The state show (Alabama Farm and Land Conference) will be open to individuals who are selected from county shows and contests as a first-place winner. In the event the first-place winner is unable to attend the state show the county may send its second-place winner.

The individual who constructs the quilt is the contestant. This individual must have completed all work on the quilt within the past year.

The enclosed entry form may be used for submitting entries to the county and to the state contests.

MACHINE STITCHED QUILTS

- Quilts, including lining, must be machine stitched made from all cotton or cotton blends of at least 50% cotton.
- Quilts must be 56”-100 in width and 84”-104” in length and completed in the last year.
- Each quilt will be displayed for everyone to see at the Women’s Luncheon during Annual Farm and Land Conference.
- The same quilt placing first in the county contest must be the entry for the State Contest.
- There will be a Youth (7th – 12th Grade) and Adult Division.

MACHINE STITCHED BABY QUILT

- Baby Quilts must be machine stitched made from all cotton or cotton blends of at least 50% cotton.
- Baby Quilts must have been completed within the last year and be 30” to 35” wide to 50” to 55” in length.
- Each Baby Quilt will be displayed at the Women’s Luncheon during the Annual Farm and Land Expo.
- The same baby quilt placing first in the county contest must be the entry for the State Contest.
- There will be a Youth (7th-12th Grade) and an Adult Division

Scoring Guidelines:

Construction **60 points**

- All quilting entries should meet measurement guidelines.
- Fabric cut on grain
- Even straight seams
- Proper finishes for fabrics

Appearance **40 points**

- Stitching, trims and notions
- All notions and trims matched well
- Appropriateness of any embellishments and decorations

STATE CONTEST AND AWARDS

1. The state show will be held at the ALFA Farm and Land Conference in August.

2. The winners will receive the following cash awards:

   First Prize $150
   Second Prize $100
   Third Prize $75

TIMETABLE

Entries in the State Quilting must be received from the county no later than **June 10, 2026**. Any forms received after this date will have 10 points deducted from the total score.

Entry forms should be mailed to:

Kim Earwood
Alabama Farmers Federation
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

Machine Stitched Cotton Quilting Contest Entry Form

Fiber content of material used_____

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

(street) (city) (zip)

PHONE( ) _____ COUNTY_____

DESIGN USED FOR QUILT_____

Youth Division_____ Adult Division_____

Deadline: June 10, 2026

Machine Stitched Baby Quilt Entry Form

Fiber Content of material used _____

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

(street) (city) (zip)

PHONE ( )_____COUNTY_____

Youth Division _____ Adult Division_____

DESIGN USED FOR QUILT _____

Deadline: June 10, 2026